

Chapter 20 - Find Out Your Mind 3





THEY WERE
CLEVER IN
HIDING IT.

SO
IT WOULD
SEEM. THE
COUNTRIES
INVOLVED
IN THE IS
TREATY
CURRENTLY
BAN ITS
RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT,
AND USE.

IT WAS
LOADED
ONTO
YOUR IS.

IT
SEEMS
THAT
SOON,
A COM-
MISSION
WILL BE
FOR-
TO IN-
VES-
TIGATE.

THE
GERMAN
ARMY IS
CURRENTLY
SEEKING
INFORMATION
ABOUT THE
ACADEMY.

IT SEEMS
LIKE THEY
ALL NEED TO
BE PRESENT
BEFORE THE
SYSTEM
ACTIVATES.

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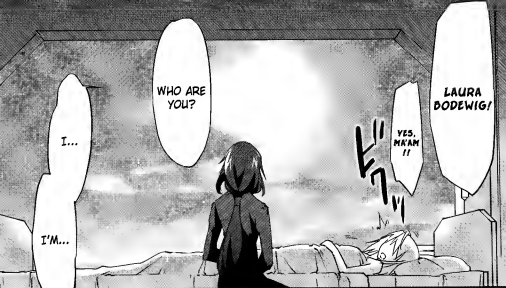
THE PILOT'S
MENTAL STATE,
ACCUMULATED
DAMAGE TO
THE FRAME,
AND MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
THE PILOT'S
INTENTIONS
...

NO, YOU
COULD SAY
'DESIRES'.



WHAT I
DESIRED,
HUH?

TO
BECOME
LIKE
YOU...



WHO ARE YOU?

I...

I'M...

YES,
MA'AM
!!

LAURA
BODEWIG!

WHAT,
YOU'RE
ASKING IF
THERE'S
A LOT OF
TIME
LEFT?

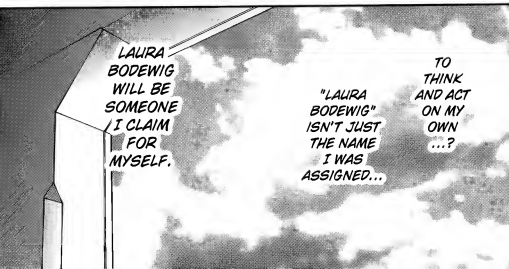
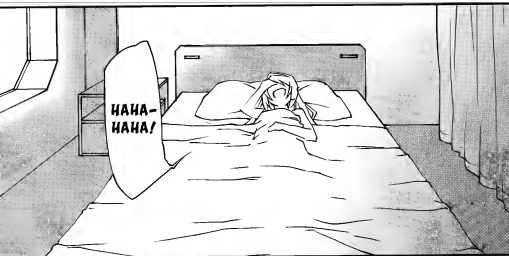
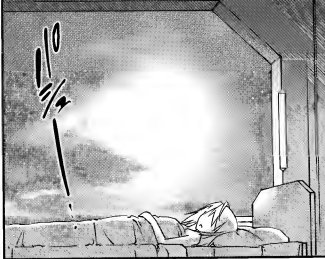
WELL,
IF YOU
ENROLL
AT THIS
ACADEMY,
YOU WON'T
BE GOING
ANYWHERE
FOR THE
NEXT THREE
YEARS.

YOU GOT
PLENTY
OF TIME
AFTERWARDS
TO WORRY
YOURSELF
TO DEATH,
YOUNG
LADY.

IF YOU'RE
NO ONE,
THAT'S
FINE.

FROM
HERE ON
OUT,
YOU'RE
JUST
LAURA
BODEWIG.







DON'T
WORRY,
THERE
ARE NO
AFTER-
EFFECTS.

THAT'S
A RELIEF
...

IF SHE
RESTS
QUIETLY
FOR A BIT,
SHE'LL MAKE
A COMPLETE
RECOVERY.



DON'T
BLAME
LAURA.

DESPITE
HER CUTE
APPEARANCE,
SHE'S A
STUDENT
OF MINE.



Announcement:
The tournament has
been suspended.

GOT IT,
CHIFUYU-
NEE.

IDIOT.

THAT'S
"INSTRUCTOR
ORIMURA"
WHEN WE'RE
IN SCHOOL.





IDIOT!
YOU'RE SO
DENSE!
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEANT
AT ALL!



NOW
THAT I
THINK OF
IT, THAT
PROMISE
FROM
THE
OTHER
DAY...



WHAT DID
YOU MEAN
ABOUT
GOING
OUT WITH
ME?
WAS
IT JUST
TO GO
SHOP-
PING?



SO, WHAT
WERE YOU
GETTING
AT?

?



ARE YOU
GONNA
MAKE A
GIRL SAY
THAT OUT
LOUD?!



WAIT-
THAT
CAN'T BE
RIGHT, IS
ICHIKA
...?

THAT'S
NOT IT,
NO WAY.



IF YOU
FELT THE
SAME
WAY I
DID, YOU
WOULD
HAVE
KNOWN
EXACTLY
WHAT I
MEANT.

HE'S
AS
BLOCK-
HEADED
AS EVER!



HUH?
WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO SAY?

HMPH,
WHO
KNOWS!



ICHIKA,
SOMETIMES
I THINK
YOU DO
THAT ON
PURPOSE.



SURE,
WHAT DID
YOU WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT?

THAT
REMINDS
ME, THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANNA
ASK.



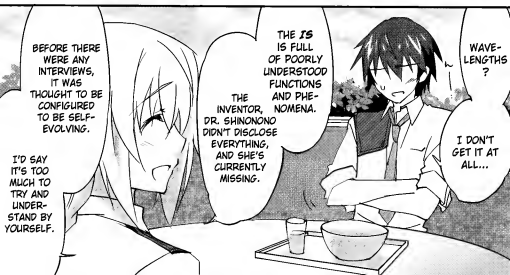
MAYBE THE
SOURCE IS
A KIND OF
CROSSOVER
ACCESS CAUSED
BY THE PILOTS'
SYNCHRONIZED
WAVELENGTHS?

Hmm...



CAN *IS*
UNITS TALK
TO ONE
ANOTHER?

NOT QUITE
A PRIVATE
CHANNEL, BUT
MORE LIKE
SOME KIND
OF SUBSPACE
BETWEEN THE
TWO PILOTS TO
COMMUNICATE.



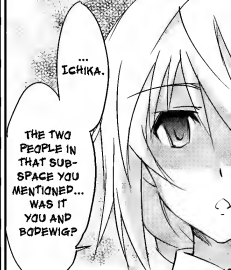
BEFORE THERE
WERE ANY
INTERVIEWS,
IT WAS
THOUGHT TO BE
CONFIGURED
TO BE SELF-
EVOLVING.

THE *IS*
IS FULL
OF POORLY
UNDERSTOOD
FUNCTIONS
AND PHE-
NOMENA.
THE
INVENTOR,
DR. SHINONONO
DIDN'T DISCLOSE
EVERYTHING,
AND SHE'S
CURRENTLY
MISSING.

WAVE-
LENGTHS
?

I DON'T
GET IT AT
ALL...

I'D SAY
IT'S TOO
MUCH TO
TRY AND
UNDER-
STAND BY
YOURSELF.



IT'S BEEN
A WHILE
SINCE I'VE
HAD THE
LUXURY OF
SOAKING
IN A BATH
...



AHH, I
FEEL AS
GOOD AS
NEW~

MY LIFE
CHANGED
COMPLETELY
BY
CHANCE WHEN
I TOUCHED
THE IS AND
ACTIVATED IT.

ON THAT
DAY RIGHT
BEFORE
THE
ENTRANCE
EXAM,



HM?

HOWEVER,
THE RENOWNED
COUNTRIES'
REPRESENTATIVE
CANDIDATES ARE
PRETTY GOOD
LOOKING, IF
I SAY SO
MYSELF.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND, BUT
WHETHER IT'S TO
THE LEFT OR RIGHT,
THERE'S NOTHING
BUT GIRLS IN THIS
ACADEMY.
JUST HOW
MUCH OF IT WAS
PLANNED OUT?

AND YET,
THANKS
TO THAT I
WAS ABLE TO
REUNITE WITH
MY CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS.





... UM

DON'T
STARE
SO
MUCH
...

ICHIKA
YOU
PERV...



EX-

EXCUSE
ME...



NO
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
THIS IS
ABOUT!

SO WE
CAN'T BATHE
TOGETHER?

B-BUT
DID YOU
JUST
FINISH
TAKING
YOUR
SHOWER?

SORRY!

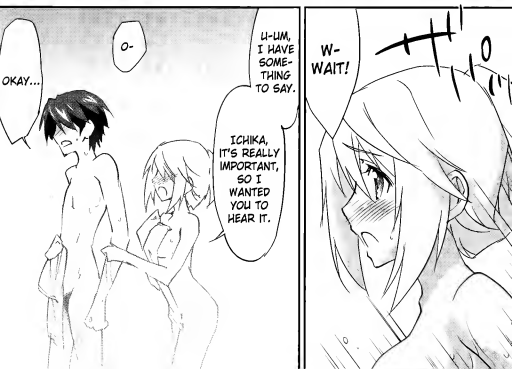


I'VE
ALREADY
SOAKED
FOR LONG
ENOUGH
AND-I

THEN I'M
GETTING
OUT!

THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT.

SO
ARE YOU
GOING TO
WATCH ME
GET IN?



OKAY...

O-

LI-UM,
I HAVE
SOME-
THING
TO SAY.

ICHIKA,
IT'S REALLY
IMPORTANT,
SO I
WANTED
YOU TO
HEAR IT.

W-
WAIT!



ABOUT STAYING
HERE
AT THE
ACADEMY?

ABOUT
WHAT
YOU SAID
BEFORE,

SO...



I
THINK
I'LL
STAY
HERE.

BUT I
FEEL THAT
I STILL
HAVEN'T
FOUND
MY PLACE
HERE YET.

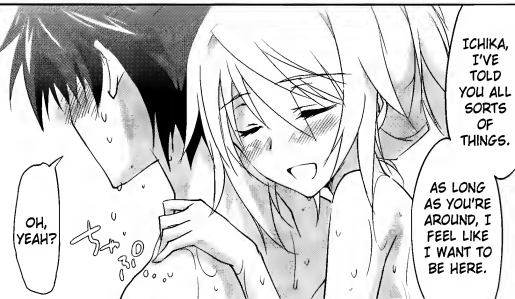
AND
ALSO...



NO
LOOKING!
TURN
OVER
THERE!

Ichika, you
pervert!

AND
ALSO?





SORRY
ABOUT
THAT...

GEEZ
ICHIKA,
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT
YOURSELF.
YOU REALLY
ARE
OBLIVIOUS.

IT'S
RATHER
UNDESIRA-
BLE...



YEAH,

MY
REAL
NAME.

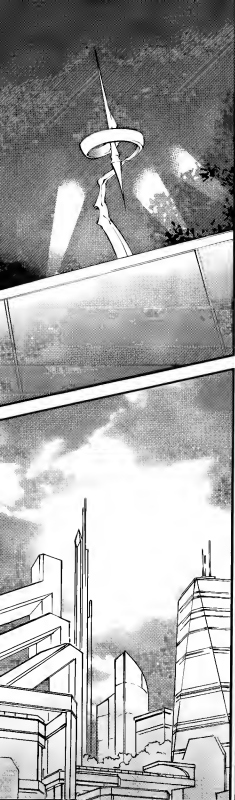
IT'S THE
NAME MY
MOTHER
GAVE ME.



IS
THAT
YOUR
REAL-?

IT'S
FINE,
I'LL
GIVE
YOU A
PASS.

HOWEVER,
CAN YOU
CALL ME
CHARLOTTE
FROM
NOW
ON?
ONLY
WHEN
IT'S THE
TWO OF
US.



MM.



ALRIGHT
THEN,

CHARLOTTE.

I'M
CHARLOTTE
DUNOIS,
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU
EVERYONE!

Ummm
...

GOOD
MORNING
EVERY-
BODY,
SO TODAY,
WE HAVE
A NEW
TRANSFER
STUDENT...

WAIT A SEC!
THE GUYS
USED THE
PUBLIC BATH
YESTERDAY,
DIDN'T THEY!

HEY
ORIMURA-
KUN, YOU
WERE IN THE
SAME ROOM
AND YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?

I THOUGHT
SOMETHING
WAS ODD...
THE PRETTY
BOY WAS
REALLY A
PRETTY
GIRL?!

WHA?
DUNOIS-
KUN,
A GIRL
...?

ICHIKA
!!

HUH
?!



FORGET THAT!
WHAT'S THIS CRAP ABOUT
SHARING THE SAME
ROOM WITH A GIRL?!



OH, RIN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HOME-ROOM?



DID I
HEAR THAT
RIGHT?!
THE TWO
OF YOU
WENT IN
THE BATH
TOGETHER
YESTER-
DAY?!



I DIDN'T
REALIZE
THAT YOU
COULD GO
THAT
LOW...



IT
WASN'T
ANY-
THING
LIKE IT
WAS
WITH
HOUKI!



I HAD
NO
CLUE!

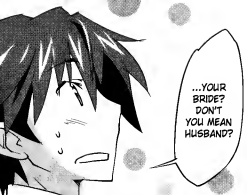
I
DIDN'T
KNOW!

!!?



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...YOUR
BRIDE?
DON'T
YOU MEAN
HUSBAND?

THE
DECISION
IS FINAL!
I WON'T
ALLOW ANY
OBJEC-
TIONS!

I AM
MAKING
YOU MY
BRIDE!

FROM
NOW ON,
BATHING
WITH ANY
OTHER
GIRL IS
FORBID-
DEN!



THERE-
FORE,
I'M
MAKING
YOU MY
BRIDE!

I'VE HEARD
THAT IT'S
CUSTOMARY
IN JAPAN
TO TELL THE
PERSON YOU
WANT TO
MARRY THAT
"I'M MAKING
YOU MY
BRIDE."



WHO THE
HELL FED
HER THAT
BULLCRAP
...?



HOW
ARE YOU
GONNA
EXPLAIN
THIS?!

ICHIKA!



ICHIKA-
SANP
SURELY
YOU WILL
GRANT ME AN
EXPLANATION.
YES?

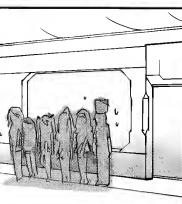


WHY
YOU-
!!!



ICHIKA,
YOU JUST
HAD A KISS
IN FRONT
OF ALL
THESE
OTHER
GIRLS...

I'M IN
AWE...





THIS
TIME IT'S
REGARDING
THE VT
SYSTEM.

WERE YOU
INVOLVED
AT ALL?



...YEAH, YOU
DON'T NEED
TO SAY IT.
I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING,
THOUGH IT
LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S ZERO
CASUALTIES.

NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT, AS OF
TWO HOURS AGO,
YOU CAN NO
LONGER SEE
THE LOCATION
WHERE IT WAS
DEVELOPED
FROM SPACE.



IF IT'S NOT
ABSOLUTE
PERFECTION,
THEN
WHAT'S THE
POINT?

IN OTHER
WORDS,
PEERLESS.
FLAWLESS.

YOU
REALLY
THINK
THAT I
WOULD
MAKE THAT
KIND OF
JUNK?

AH,
THAT
THING?



YOU COULD
SAY THAT
WAS JUST
THE PRICE
TO PAY FOR
TINKERING
WITH MY IS
WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

IF THERE
WERE ANY
DEATHS,
YOU'D SPEND
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE
AFRAID OF
MY AMAZING
ABILITIES,
NO?

HOW
MODEST
OF YOU.

ALRIGHT
THEN,
GOODBYE.





*SHE'S THE ONLY
ONE WHO A
GREAT GENIUS
LIKE MYSELF IS
CONSIDERATE
OF.*

IT'S BEEN
QUITE A
WHILE,
I WAS HAPPY
TO HEAR THAT
VOICE AGAIN.

CHI-CHAN
IS AS
LOVELY
AS EVER.

*IF SHE
CAME OUT OF
RETIREMENT,
SHE WOULD
BE THE
STRONGEST
ONE OF ALL.*



WHY DID
CHI-CHAN
RETIRE IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

THEN
AGAIN,

IS: Infinite Stratos

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